Macleod, John James Richard

Dec. 1916 - May 1917

(24)

17

June 20th, 1917

Professor J. J. R. Macleod,

10910 Ashbury Street,

Cleveland, O.

Dear Professor Macleod:

It was very kind of you to write me a letter of congratulation on the honour that has been conferred by the King upon the University and myself. It came unexpectedly to me but the kind way in which it has been received by so many greatly enhances its value.

We are still in difficulties with regard to Physiology and I am sorry that you can make no suggestions for next year. Mackenzie leaves for Britain to-morrow on military service and he is going to make every possible effort to find some one who may take charge of the position temporarily for next winter. What may come of it of course we do not know. We are still looking forward to your being able to come to us a year from now when we hope there may be a great change for the better in the war situation

It must be a great relief to you as it is a sincere pleasure to me to know that Mrs. Macleod is keeping a good deal better. We shall always be glad to hear that the improvement is continuing. If my wife were here she would join me in kindest regards to yourself. I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Macleod, John James Richard

Dec. 1916-May 1917

February 28th, 1917

Professor J. J. R. Macleod,

Physiological Laboratories,

McGill University, Montreal.

Dear Professor Macleod:

Your letter of February 23rd has been a very great disappointment not only to me but to my Committee in the University. We had been strongly hoping that you would find it possible to accept our offer, and we were all thoroughly satisfied that if you had come to us our future in Physiology would be bright. We are particularly sorry that the reason why you cannot come is one that affects you personally so closely. You have my deep sympathy in your anxiety, and I can only hope that with care and time Mrs. Macleod will be so restored to health that your present anxieties will pass away.

I know that with your sympathies and your training you would have soon found yourself in our midst, but we must submit with the best grace to your decision seeing that it really forced upon you and us.

It will probably be necessary for us to make temporary arrangements for next winter, though there is a chance, but little more than a chance, that we may get one good man permanently. I shall be glad to let you know when we have anything definite, and it is possible we may have to ask you to help us with your advice sometime in the future. Now that you had decided so nearly to throw in your

lot with us you will always be closely connected with this University and we shall hope that although we are not to have you permanently on our staff we may have the pleasure of seeing you from time to time in Toronto.

With kind regards and deep sympathy,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 23rd, 1917

Professor J. J. R. Macleod,

McGill University.

Dear Professor Macleod:

Many thanks for your letter. Our Committee are in communication with Sutherland Simpson to see whether he would be willing to spend his year of leave from Cornell here next winter, on the understanding that we have already determined to wait for another winter before making an appointment to the chair, our intention being , as I wrote you before, not to fill the position until you can finally and definitely say in the course of the next winter whether you are able to come to us.

Professor Hunter rather thinks that Sutherland Simpson might be able to spend the winter here. He is to telegraph back his decision at once so that I hope to be able to let you know by the end of another week whether or not we shall need to avail ourselves of your kind offer with regard to Dr. Scott.

I hope that you are getting better word as to the state of Mrs. Macleod's health. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 4th, 1917

Professor J. J. R. Macleod,

Medical Department,

Western Reserve University, Cleveland, O.

Dear Professor Macleod:

Owing to my absence in New York I have not written to you about Dr. Scott. Presumably you are now back in Cleveland, and I hope that you have found Mrs. Macleod to be somewhat better.

If it is possible for you to secure Dr. Scott as a substitute for next winter in Physiology, we should be greatly indebted to you. We could offer him twenty-five hundred dollars ($2500.00) and he might do some work in a medical clinic during his time here. If he is not able to come we have no other man now in sight and I am afraid we should be in rather a serious difficulty.

The news that the United States has come into the war is good. It makes us all more confident that the end cannot be so very far off. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

December 16th, 1916

Professor J. R. McLeod,

Physiological Laboratory,

Medical Department, Western Reserve University,

Cleveland, O.

Dear Professor McLeod:

You may have heard that we are to lose Professor Macallum at the end of the present academic year as he has been appointed to the Chairmanship of the new Dominion Commission on Scientific and Industrial Research. His going will be a great loss to the University, all the more so because we have so recently lost Professor Brodie.

We must, however, secure first rate men for both positions and after consultation with my committee, I know that I have their unanimous support in asking you whether you would be willing to consider an offer from us for the chair of Physiology. You know something of the position of our Faculty of Medicine, also of the fine laboratory facilities that we gave to Professor Brodie, and of the life in the city of Toronto. Perhaps at this time you would feel that your future usefulness might be greater within the British Empire than in the United States. I only know that in Canada we are expecting that after the war we shall enter upon a new era and take a place in the outside world that we have not hitherto occupied.

If the position appeals to you at all perhaps you would be good enough to come to Toronto and look the situation over. I shall be glad of course to meet any expenses to which you may be put in this connection. Would it be possible for you to come this way at the time of the meeting of the Physiological Society in New York ? I am told that it meets in Christmas week and there is a probability of your being there.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

January 12th, 1917

Professor J. J. R. Macleod,

Western Reserve University, Cleveland, O.

Dear Professor Macleod:

I am glad to be able to inform you that at a meeting of the Board of Governors held yesterday I was authorised to offer you the Chair of Physiology vacated through the death of Dr. Brodie. The salary is placed at five thousand dollars ($5000.), and if you accept it will begin on the first of July of the present year, by which time it is supposed that you will be in a position to make preparations here for the work of next session.

I also stated to the Board that you judged that it would be necessary to spend about $800 in making such preparations in the laboratory as will adapt it to your own teaching and research purposes. Should you accept I feel confident that when the estimates are made up this amount will be placed at your disposal.

I also stated that the amount now assigned to maintenance in the department would be amply sufficient for the conduct of the work of the chair.

I hope that you will find it possible to accept the position and if you do I anticipate that the energy and success through which the Western Reserve School of Medicine has profited so highly will produce similar results in Toronto.

I am, Yours sincerely,

President.

January 22nd, 1917

Professor J. J. R. Macleod,

Western Reserve University,

Cleveland, O.

My dear Professor Macleod:

I was glad to get your letter and I hope that you will not find that your domestic difficulties will prove insuperable. I should hope that as a place to live in Toronto would afford at least an equally favourable climate to Cleveland.

With regard to the appropriations, in our present estimates they stand as follows:

Salaries.

Physiology:

| | |
|---|---|
| Professor | $4000. |
| Lecturer | 2000. |
| Fellows | 1000. |
| Assistant | 750. |
| Mechanician | 400. |
| Laboratory Assistant | 750. |
| Laboratory Attendant (half-time) | 250. |
| Glass-blower | 900. |
| | |
| Laboratory and Office supplies | 1100. |
| Apparatus | 250. |

As far as I remember there have been no part-time demonstrators appointed of late. Their place was taken, if I am not mistaken, by the Fellows. I am sure that the Board would be willing to re-arrange the other salaries to suit you, and that you

would be allowed to have an appointment made at $2400 instead of $2000, if it could be saved on some other salary. I mention $2400 because this is the limit to which the Assistant Professorship runs. After that the appointment would be an Associate Professor, and I am afraid that at present the Governors would not be willing to make an appointment that would involve annual increases to considerably greater extent.

If there is any further information that I can give you I shall of course be delighted to send it. I hope that you will be able to give us a favourable decision, and we shall be glad to wait for a fortnight as you request.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Personal

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
MEDICAL DEPARTMENT
LABORATORY OF PHYSIOLOGY AND BIO-CHEMISTRY

125

President R. A. Falconer
University of Toronto

Dear President Falconer,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 12th conveying the attractive offer to become Professor of Physiology in Toronto University. The letter must have been delayed en route since I did not receive it until this morning.

I would request you to give me a couple of weeks more within which to come to a decision. I may say that in so far as the position itself is concerned I have little hesitation, but I am finding the domestic difficulties considerable, greater than I had expected.

Meantime may I take the liberty of requesting you to send me some more information on certain matters concerning the department. I understood from Prof. Macallum that the appropriation allowed the department of Physiology has been as follows:— A. Professional assistance (1.) Lecturer $2000.00 (2) Two Fellows $1000.00; (3) Several part-time Demonstrators (remuneration unstated). B. Technical & assistance: (1) Mechanic $800.00, (2) Glass-blower $800.00; (3) Secretary $800.00, (4) General assistants $700.00 C Supplies and equipment: $15000.00. May I ask if this is correct and with regard to the demonstrators, if there be any, what classes of students they are and how much each is paid.

If correct I consider the above appropriation very satisfactory for the present, in so far as the total sum allowed is concerned, but I am afraid that it could be more effectively distributed that it could be more effectively appropriated, distributed

With the information I have, and I have given considerable thought to the probable scheme of organization which I would adopt should I assume responsibility. I have in mind two equally important objects to aim at, first, teaching and secondly, research. In the latter purpose the laboratory is extremely well equipped but I should hesitate to attempt to make proper use of the apparatus without ~~proper~~ adequate assistance, for teaching as outlined in the schedules. I fear that the present staff is too ~~a little~~ small. I base this opinion partly on my experience here & partly ~~by~~ as a result of comparison with other first class schools having about the same number of students as I want to have. I should like to know if I shall be the head of the department & if I am privileged to apportion the money allowed ~~for~~ in his budget otherwise than as suggested above, subject of course to the approval of the President and Governors. I do not explicit, if it were found impossible to secure a properly trained lecturer for a salary of $2000.00 would there be objection to spending say $2500.00 for this purpose provided it could be met from the total sum appropriated to the department. I am merely citing this as a concrete example although it is not improbable that it would be one of the most necessary adjustments because of the limitation of reasonably trained men available at present for such posts.

I am taking the liberty of asking you the questions because I wish to be certain of the opportunities which I would have to make a success of the position you offer.

Awaiting your reply
And with regards I am
Sincerely Yours
J. J. R. Macleod.

McGILL UNIVERSITY,
MONTREAL.

PHYSIOLOGICAL LABORATORY.

28th February 1917

President R. A. Falconer
University of Toronto

Dear President Falconer,

I wish to have to inform you that I have accepted the flattering offer to become Professor of Physiology in Toronto. As you are aware I should have liked to assume the position on account of the great importance of offers for constructive work not only in Physiology but also in the closely related field of medical Research. I have no doubt about the desirability of the position itself but during the past few weeks it has become quite certain that the state of my wife's health is such that it would be too great a risk to move to another city. She has been under very close medical supervision and the reports of her condition which I have received are such as to indicate that she should avoid any strain.

I wish especially to thank you for the generous way in which you have treated me during the very difficult and anxious period that has elapsed since you first offered me the position. Believe me, there is no disappointment in

this continent to which either Mrs Macleod or myself would more enthusiastically have transferred our allegiance than to Toronto, nor the inducement to be given under the Union Jack and Jolly Roger were little power in the unfolding up of the 'Dominion' was very strong indeed.

Well once more with warm hopes for the future of the University and with warmest regards I remain

Yours
Sincerely Yours
J. J. Macleod.

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
MEDICAL DEPARTMENT
LABORATORY OF PHYSIOLOGY AND BIO-CHEMISTRY

116

President R. A. Falconer
University of Toronto

Dec. - 19 - 1916

Dear President Falconer,

I wish to thank you for your letter and the invitation it contains to visit Toronto on my way East. If convenient to you I shall spend most of Tuesday next (26th inst.) with you. If this date should be unsuitable please wire me to the following address: 10910 Ashbury Ave.

With the Compliments of the Season

Yours
Sincerely
J. J. R. Macleod.

36

[illegible] Feb, 1917

Professor [illegible],

[illegible] Faculty,

[illegible] University,

[illegible],

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] sincerely,

President.

April 1[illegible], 1[illegible]

Professor J. J. R. Macleod,

Western Reserve University,

Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Professor Macleod:

[illegible] Professor [illegible] that there will be no difficult[illegible] [illegible] Cleveland clinical work to do in [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] from the [illegible] in Physiology. [illegible] [illegible] that it may prove to be quite a [illegible] [illegible] I trust that we may be able to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at the [illegible] at [illegible].

[illegible] this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],

[illegible]

[illegible] Sincerely,

President.

McGILL UNIVERSITY,
MONTREAL.

PHYSIOLOGICAL LABORATORY.

19 March 1907

Dear President Palmer,

I had not written for a morning the possibility of having my present first assistant Dr. R. W. Scott assistant in Montreal during next winter until I could find assistant in Montreal during next winter. Scott is the best one I have ever had, and his doing teaching I was fond associated with me and his doing another second work. He intends ultimately going into clinical Medicine and he seems to like clinical work. If this is feasible, he intends to take clinics afternoons, and I think he intends to be in my laboratory one of the clinics. I do not know, but I think I can arrange that, if you write him, so that other than myself that, you write him,

Some work in a Clerk, that he might-possibly be
open to the order in Trust, the salary appurtenant
from as $2000.00 (in toto) and compensation would necessary,
it rather attract him. Offer say $2500.00
especially since the position would be temporary
as a Bookkeeper would also. Scott is a
Indiana man. If you will let me know what you
think of the service you can render in the
Interior Dept. when Lecture (Elected)
with his work.

Mrs Mackey has received words from an optimistic
Drunk down. Sick I think it will mean we might in
an hiring the man with the month may give him
chance to pick up a month. Sufficient say more if you
Kindness - assuring dear Lt. With sincere Regards
Yours truly
J. H. Mackey.

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
MEDICAL DEPARTMENT
LABORATORY OF PHYSIOLOGY AND BIO-CHEMISTRY

April 11 1891

41

Dear President Falconer,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 4th and to state that I have had a talk with Dr. Scott who is giving the matter you refer to consideration. Scott says that he has definitely decided to make clinical medicine his vocation but is prepared to spend at least one year more in pure physiology. His desire is to make himself thoroughly competent to assume a leading position in a University Clinic and I can gather from his attitude that it would greatly increase the chances of his working in the physiological dept. if I could be offered a definite duty next year if he could be offered a definite opportunity of doing sufficient amount of work

in the Medical Clinic in Toronto to show his superiors what he can do. As a teacher LeBlanc has been probably the most successful of our younger men here in recent years and having decided ultimately to seek for a position on a clinic he would naturally wish to be assured that in transferring to Toronto his chances of succeeding in Medicine were not diminished. Could you possibly let me know me definite information regarding the chances of Scott's being able to do such work. During the past two years here he has held a clinic within sector of the 3rd year class at City Hospital on Tuesday afternoons a week.

Mrs Macleod is, I think improving & if we can only keep her quiet it is possible that her condition may clear up somewhat

With regards I am Sincerely Yours

J J R Macleod

March 16th, 1917

Professor J. J. R. Macleod,

Department of Physiology,

McGill University, Montreal.

Dear Professor Macleod:

Dr. Macallum told me that there was a possibility that you might be able to help us in finding temporary supply for our work in Physiology next winter, if we do not proceed to fill the Chair at present. Can you make any suggestions as to persons of whom we might think ?

I hope that your anxieties are lessening and that the word you get concerning Mrs. Macleod is more reassuring.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
MEDICAL DEPARTMENT
LABORATORY OF PHYSIOLOGY AND BIO-CHEMISTRY

~~Jan.~~ Dec. 30/1916

University Toronto to J. J. R. Macleod Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Dec. 26th. | To ticket and Pullman ~~to~~ between Buffalo & Toronto | $6 30/00 |
| | To expenses in dining car | 2 25/00 |
| | | $8 55/00 |
| | add for exchange 45 cents | 45 |
| | | 9 00 |

January 2nd, 1917

Professor J. J. R. Macleod,

Medical Department,

Western Reserve University,

Cleveland, O.

Dear Professor Macleod:

I am glad to have your letter and to know that you are thinking favourably of the proposal to come to Toronto. I will write to you after the 11th. Meantime I am sending you a cheque for nine dollars to cover your expenses.

Yours sincerely,

President.